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## FOOD FOR THE HOLIDAYS Scott Chapel UMC spreads holiday cheer with food drive

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Jesus said, "And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." (Matthew 25:40 KJV.)

Members of Scott Chapel United Methodist Church at 940 Morton St., note through their food pantry, they believe they are investing in their community. But most importantly, they say they are investing in the kingdom of God.

Scott's Seasoned With a Touch of Salt Food Pantry has turned into a real act of mission work, members note. Scott Chapel UMC pastor Virginia Yeargins said the church has been blessed to serve approximately 100 families.

The pastor mentioned some members, working behind the scenes, include: Barbara Draine, Stella Akins, Joann Frazier, Joe Bonner, Kimberly Harvey, John Singleton, Marilyn Ewing and Drew Harvey.

The next food pantry will be Dec. 16 (flyer in this issue.) This will be the last food pantry at the church until March.



Members of Scott United Methodist Church, from left, Pastor Virginia Yeargins, Myra Bonner, and Azyah Frazier.



### THANKSGIVING

## A time to share love

*"I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving."* Psalm 69:30

Thanksgiving is a wonderful time to praise God in song and thank Him for His many blessings. It is time for families to share love to one another, despite short-comings.

From the homeless to the rich, God blesses each one within the will of his goodness.

Psalm 145:18-19: *"The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made."*

Psalm 145:18-19 *"The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them."*

No one should ever discount themselves on Thanksgiving, or any time of the year, if God is their refuge and strength.

Sometime the holidays can be a tough time emotionally for those having lost. We have all experienced loss in different ways.

There are wonderful counselors available in this area for those who may be feeling alone and afraid. Some that come to mind are Branches and Centerstone.

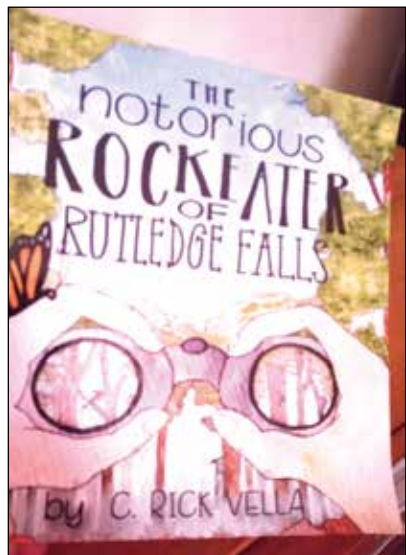
There is above all, The Heavenly Father, who has blessed all of us in 2023 in some way. Put pen to paper, you will see. So don't be afraid, God is with us. Even in the trials of the world, today.

So, this Thanksgiving, know you are not alone. You are loved by The One.

*"Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world."* — 1 John 4:4, ESV

Let us think beyond ourselves this Thanksgiving and remember those who need love. After all, Jesus commanded us to "love one another." That means not just during the holidays, but each day of the year.

Have a very blessed Thanksgiving.



### THE NOTORIOUS ROCKEATER

C. Rick Vella visited Shelbyville-Bedford County Public Library on Saturday for a reading of his latest children's book, "The notorious ROCKEATER of Rutledge Falls." Getting her own copy of the book was Cascade Elementary student Avery Cottrell.

C. Rick Vella used the Rutledge Falls area of Coffee County as his inspiration for his latest children's book character.



T-G Photos by Dawn Hankins

## Writing is a gift for C. Rick Vella

*Something for which he is truly thankful*

By **DAWN HANKINS**  
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Local author C. Rick Vella says he's truly thankful this Thanksgiving and all year long. This former Shelbyville resident says he recently released his second children's book, "The notorious ROCKEATER of Rutledge Falls." Vella had the opportunity to do a reading at Shelbyville-Bedford County Public Library on Saturday.

The second book is fictional and set in a place much like the real Rutledge Falls of Coffee County. The falls area, he notes, was his inspiration for the rockeater.

But before discussing his book, this Tullahoma resident talked with the T-G about other reasons he's so thankful. He's had numerous health issues, including a rare liver disorder. But with medicine, treatments and alternative

See VELLA, 2A





# The residents of Birch Street have spoken

## Council stands behind constituents

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Birch Street residents spoke up on Thursday during the rescheduled City Council meeting. Several gave what seemed to be logical reasons why they felt a resolution for annexation for 1418 Birch Street should fail.

On the agenda for this rescheduled Council meeting was a resolution, on first reading, adopting a Plan of Services for an area proposed for annexation--36.83 (+/-) acre tract of land located at 1418 Birch Street, on the north side of Wartrace Pike, and referenced on Bedford County Tax Map 090, Parcel 122.00. The proposal was to annex by owner consent and to be incorporated within the boundaries of the City of Shelbyville.

The 1418 Birch St., property is owned by Robert and Nicole Allison, according to the meeting agenda. A second part of the resolution was to annex the same property within the boundaries of the City.

Council listened to the residents during the designated public comments portion of the City Council meeting. Each representative, which included residents like the Rev. Timothy Holton, who said his home had generational significance, had 3 minutes to give their comments.

Holton said his property, like most on Birch Street, was older and had once belonged to his grandparents. But he said greater issues with potential development surrounds the current infrastructure.

"We have some traffic issues as well . . . really more than that road can already

handle," said Holton.

Other residents talked about the potential issues with development on the property, with several mentioning there is a lot of rock. So, the neighborhood has expressed alarm at the potential for blasting in the area—that which can off-set current home foundations. Some cited previous flooding issues in the area, as a reason for concern. Another said traffic woes and sewer problems should be considered before approving such a resolution.

Council did not respond to any of the public comments. But, judging by the immediate vote, without discussion, Council was attentive to the homeowners' concerns.

Councilman William Christie (4th Ward) made the motion for Council not to approve the resolution. Councilperson Marilyn Ewing seconded.

Ewing (second ward) also made the motion not to approve the second portion of the resolution. Councilman Gary Haile (third ward) seconded that motion.

Councilpersons Bobby Turnbow (Ward 6) and Stephanie Isaacs (Ward 5) were absent from Thursday's meeting, but there was still a Council quorum, as four of six members were present.

Representing the property owners, local realtor Harold Segroves told Council it would seem they would want to annex the property, mainly to have control over what happens to the acreage.

Segroves said, like most, all the Allisons want to do is maximize their property at 1418 Birch St. "If I were the City of Shelbyville, I would say yes," said Segroves. "Otherwise, you're going to leave up to the County the future of the property."

County Commissioners Adam Thomas and Bill Anderson spoke on behalf of the Birch Street residents. They spoke against potential annexation of the Birch Street property, noting Council should listen to the residents, not necessarily those wanting to "make money."

Landowner Beth Wooten was one of the last to speak during the public comments. She said she had attended a previous City Planning Commission meeting on the potential annexation.

She said a slide show from the planning commission showed her 4 acres at 1725 Wartrace Pike as a little triangle at the bottom of the map. She said however, she lives adjacent to 1418 Birch Street property, which is currently wooded.

Wooten said she realizes Thursday's meeting was only to consider annexation, not future development. But with a sigh, she added, "We all know where this is going."

In essence, the unanimous "no" votes by the four Council members caused the resolution to completely fail. So, it will not appear on Council agenda next month as a public hearing.

# Closings for Thanksgiving holiday

Shelbyville City Hall will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 23 and Friday, Nov. 24 in observance of Thanksgiving. Thursday's trash will be picked up on Monday, Nov. 27, with Monday's regular route.

Bedford County Government will be closed until

Monday, Nov. 27, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. The financial management committee meets 4:15 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 28, in Room 110 of the business complex on Dover Street. The meeting is also streamed on YouTube.

## VELLA

health methods/diet, he says he's learning how to better care for his health and feels he's growing stronger each day.

When he reads to children's groups, Vella likes to make the book exciting. For example, a great page is when the Rockeater says with a deep, gravelly voice (pun intended) "What are you? Please tell me your name." (He has met a little boy by the name of Levi, who is determined to be brave.)

He says that his first book, "The Silly Situation that

made Samuel Smile," was based on some of his life experiences. "Do you struggle with smiling? Well, here is a silly must read account for you! Samuel seldomly smiles.

Vella notes that writing became his passion early on, so he chose to write stories for kids rather than adults. "Children are the perfect audience for creative stories, as their imaginations are boundless and it's exciting to be able to see things from their perspective. Writing for children also gives me

the chance to make them laugh or provide something they can relate to and that brings such joy to my heart."

The "Silly Situation that Made Samuel Smile" is an alliteration book featuring the sensational letter "S" that tells the story of what made Samuel, a very serious sloth, turn his frown upside down.

The "Notorious Rockeater of Rutledge Falls" is a tale of a young lad named Levi who learns the importance of bravery and how his actions may affect those

around him.

If these descriptions catch your attention, Vella encourages readers to give his books a read. The illustrations by Sara Andrews are as well captivating for young audiences.

Be sure to also give this author a follow on Instagram and Facebook. Vella gives tips on getting kiddos to gain an appreciation for reading. He also provides tip on how to learn more about children's literacy.

Both of Vella's books, also in Kindle format, can be found at Amazon.com.

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## THE ISSUE

## A positive city council meeting

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The T-G “Issues” column does not always have to be about negative points in government or the community. In fact, this week, I’m in the holiday spirit and I’m going to list some positives which came from Thursday’s Shelbyville City Council meeting.

We welcome anyone who has a pertinent issue which will have an impact on the local community to submit to the Times-Gazette.

Right off, I’d like to celebrate with

City Council as the much needed three firemen have been hired, at a cost of \$78,000 each (including benefits) at the Highway 231 North Station. This has been a long time coming. Sadly, state Safety grants have not worked out for the City in the past.

Shelbyville will also be getting a new property maintenance inspector to add to its codes department. Council is excited, because this person will hopefully help them clean up some deteriorating areas of town.

Animal ordinances have been tightened up. More news coming on that.

Because this was a matter of public record, I do feel we should mention that for lack of motion, the proposal for an assistant city manager has failed. We are hoping that because some councilpersons were absent, this might be revisited. It would be nice for City Manager Scott Collins to spend a little more time on City economic development.

For the most part, it was a productive Shelbyville City Council meeting. Just ask the people who live on Birch Street. (See story on today’s front page.) They are resting better, tonight, no doubt, due to their victory.

## Owner representative saves taxpayer funds

Submitted by Bedford County Government

In response to questions from members at the November 14 Board of Commissioners meeting, Bedford County Mayor Chad Graham has released documents related to the employment of Jeff Sweeney as the county’s owner representative for construction projects.

Sweeney receives an annual retainer as well as a payment of 0.85 percent of the cost of major projects. He serves as the county’s representative, making sure that the work done by the architects and contractors meets the county’s expectations.

“Having an owner representative involved, right from the very outset of a project, has saved us money,” said Graham. “Jeff Sweeney is a former county commissioner, with the interests of the county in mind, and the 0.85 percent fee is well below market value.”

Graham said his office believes in transparency and open government and would gladly have shared information about Sweeney’s employment with any commissioner who had asked his office for it prior to the meeting.

Some of the ways Sweeney has saved the county money include:

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- When the county was considering postponing a portion of the project to save money, Sweeney noted that it would cost the county much more, \$750,000, to add that space as a separate project in three years. Instead, it made the most financial sense to build the structure all at once.

- Sweeney forced the architect, contractor and subcontractors to warranty all of the HVAC system for

an additional four years while the HVAC engineer redesigned the units at no cost to the county, saving the taxpayers \$100,000.

- Sweeney constructed a service building for 30 percent less than the general contractor had planned to charge, saving the taxpayers \$55,000;

- Sweeney mitigated drainage design and elevation, saving the taxpayers \$45,000.

- Sweeney renegotiated the architect’s fees downward, saved the taxpayers \$35,000 with a change to the planned flooring.

- Required the architect to design a collapsible filing system in order to save space for the project

## NEW WING AT COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

- Sweeney required the contractor and architect, rather than the taxpayers, to pay for multiple mistakes which would have cost \$70,000 to repair. He required a contractor to replace flooring twice, due to flawed installation, at the contractor’s expense.

- He required a reworking of the roof, which did not match the color of the existing building, a cost of \$60,000 which the taxpayers did not have to pay.

## CASCADE HIGH SCHOOL

- During the final walkthrough, Sweeney identified multiple issues that needed to be addressed, such as warped doors, inadequate insulation in the auditorium, and roof flashing issues. The floor issue alone would have cost the taxpayers \$800,000 to repair.

- Sweeney reviewed multiple change orders that were determined to be the contractor’s

responsibility, not the taxpayers’. These totaled more than \$100,000.

- Sweeney had discrepancies in the school’s parking and drainage repaired at no expense to the taxpayers.

## CARTWRIGHT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Sweeney worked with architects and engineers to reduce the footprint of the building by 10,000 square feet. He had geothermal heating and cooling removed from the project due to long-term problems that have been seen with such projects in the past.

During the construction project, Sweeney has been on site weekly to make sure the school system, and the taxpayers, are getting what they are paying for, checking construction quality, and helping ensure the project stays on track.

## OTHER PROJECTS

- Sweeney ensured that the renovation of the second and third floors of Bedford County Courthouse Annex was completed on time and within budget, allowing two fee offices to move out of rental space elsewhere.

- Sweeney relocated Bedford County Archives storage into the archives building on North Main Street near the courthouse.

“I think we’re extremely fortunate to have someone with Jeff Sweeney’s experience and knowhow, and his love of the county, in this position, and I believe he is worth every cent he’s been paid,” said Graham. “His work has resulted in a net benefit to the taxpayers.”

The mayor urged citizens with further questions to reach out to his office, 931-684-7944.



## AD VERITAS

## Seek the Truth

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the truth.

My challenge to the reader is to accept that there are many things you don’t know and can’t know. You have to make peace with that fact, or the hyper-awareness of your ignorance will eat you alive. And, while you must, at some level, come to peace with your ignorance, see it for the monster that it is, and beware of the damage it can do if left totally unchecked. Close the gaps where you can, but only with truth. Be watchful for ignorance to attempt to fill its own gaps. See it for what it is.

Sometimes in this business I am given access one way or another to information that I can’t share. There are other things that I technically am allowed to share, but in the grand scheme of things it is better for all involved if I choose not to share. And that makes it hard to communicate some important things that many people should, you might say, “have a right to know.”

In this newspaper and in all newspapers, it is our responsibility to tell the truth, as well as it can be told, to those interested in hearing (or reading) it. There is a little effort due on the reader’s part in receiving the truth. At the very least, they must read the news, or have it read to them. Then they must process the information to accurately fit it in with their existing knowledge. They also, in my opinion, have an obligation to themselves and to society to weigh the credibility of the story and of the source and consider what evidence is presented.

In the same way, God and nature make truth available to be known. This encompasses several domains, most obviously in the natural sciences. But just because the truth is available to be known does not mean that many, or even any, will put in the time and effort and contemplation to bring the truth to their own knowledge.

This concept is as true in human interaction as it is in biology or chemistry, if more complicated and harder to grasp. A life of interaction and relationships with other people is a puzzle. Some people seem to be more naturally able than others to put some of the pieces together, but no one understands it completely. But the truth of another person... who they are, what they value, what they give... is available to be known by those who are interested enough to take the time to discover it.

Just like with the news stories within the pages of this newspaper, there are those who will put forth the effort to know the truth as well as it can be known to them. There are also those who will take the gossip instead. It is easier, after all, and certainly more entertaining, to take the gossip. Then there are those who will take the hearsay, filter it through their own biases and snap judgements, and tell everyone in their circle their “improved” version of

Wisdom calls aloud outside;

She raises her voice in the open square.

She cries out in the chief concourses,

At the openings of the gates in the city

She speaks her words: “How long, you simple ones, will you love simplicity?”

For scorners delight in their scorning,

And fools hate knowledge.

Turn at my rebuke; Surely I will pour out my spirit on you;

I will make my words known to you.

Because I have called and you refused,

I have stretched out my hand and no one regarded,

Because you disdained all my counsel,

And would have none of my rebuke,

I also will laugh at your calamity;

I will mock when your terror comes,

When your terror comes like a storm,

And your destruction comes like a whirlwind,

When distress and anguish come upon you.

“Then they will call on me, but I will not answer;

They will seek me diligently, but they will not find me.

Because they hated knowledge

And did not choose the fear of the Lord,

They would have non of my counsel And despised my every rebuke.

Therefore they shall eat the fruit of their own way,

And be filled to the full with their own fancies.

For the turning away of the simple will slay them,

And the complacency of fools will destroy them;

But whoever listens to me will dwell safely,

And will be secure, without fear of evil.”

## OPINION

## In response to Democrats’ Attack on the Supreme Court, I’m recommending subpoenas

The Senate Judiciary Committee Democrats’ assault on the Supreme Court continues to escalate. In their latest attempt to undermine the court, Judiciary Committee Chairman Senator Dick Durbin (D-Ill.) convened a hearing to move forward to subpoena friends of Justices Alito and Thomas. However, when I offered amendments to their subpoenas, Democrats backed down from their threats – for now. Despite their supposed reverence for our nation’s institutions, Democrats have continuously worked to delegitimize the Supreme Court. For years, they have been trying to pack the court with liberal justices who will do their bidding. Since they couldn’t accomplish that goal, Democrats, with the help of their media allies, are trying to slander conservative justices as corrupt. This will not stand.

While Democrats say otherwise on camera, many of them hold our nation’s institutions in contempt. They care about one thing above all else: power. When Democrats realized they didn’t have the votes to expand the Supreme Court from 9 to 13 Justices, they chose another path of attack: defamation. This isn’t about ethics – it’s about Democrats trying to undermine the nation’s highest court. They are demonstrating once again that when they don’t get their way, they try to bend the rules.

If Democrats cared about our institutions, such as the Supreme Court, they would have protected the justices who were threatened by far-left activists protesting at their homes. Where was Biden’s Department of Justice when leftists were using intimidation tactics in order to coerce the Su-

preme Court to rule in a way that forwards the left-wing agenda? Even following an assassination attempt on Justice Brett Kavanaugh, Democrats refused to take concrete action to protect our justices, such as passing my Protecting Our Supreme Court Justices Act.

In their attempts to smear Justices Clarence Thomas and Samuel Alito, Democrats planned to issue subpoenas for Republican donors Harlan Crow and Robin Arkley, along with Leonard Leo, a conservative legal activist. Democrats particularly despise Leo because he is Co-Chairman of the conservative law group the Federalist Society. They allege that Thomas and Alito failed to disclose various trips they were invited on and gifts they were given. All of this despite the fact that the allegations against Thomas and Alito have been debunked. Instead, why don’t Senators Durbin and Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI) investigate Justice Sonia Sotomayor? If they were interested in playing fair, they wouldn’t ignore the fact that the Justice’s taxpayer-funded staff allegedly pressured public institutions where she has spoken to buy her books, which have raked in at least \$3.7 million since she joined the bench. Moreover, Sotomayor refused to recuse herself in two copyright infringement cases regarding her book publisher. Since Democrats won’t initiate an investigation into this, I



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will. I filed an amendment issuing subpoenas to Sotomayor’s staff and her publisher in order to get to the bottom of this.

We shouldn’t stop with Justice Sotomayor. In order to expose to the American people where Democrats stand on truly acting in the country’s best interest, I proposed an amendment to subpoena Jeffrey Epstein’s estate in order to obtain the flight logs for his private plane. We need to get to the bottom of the trafficking and sexual abuse allegations surrounding Epstein and his partners. If Democrats are sincere in seeking full transparency, they will stand with me in this endeavor.

The Supreme Court is its own independent, co-equal branch of government. Congress neither has the right nor the obligation to interfere with the Court’s procedures. The Court can decide its own ethics standards, which it just recently did. The Framers intended for the Court to stay above the fray of partisan politics; thus, it is essential we protect it from becoming yet another partisan institution weaponized by the Left. I will continue to defend the integrity of Justices Alito and Thomas as well as the Supreme Court as a whole. And I will not allow Democrats, in an effort to appease their radical left-wing base, to weaponize the Judiciary Committee in order to destroy one of our most sacred institutions.

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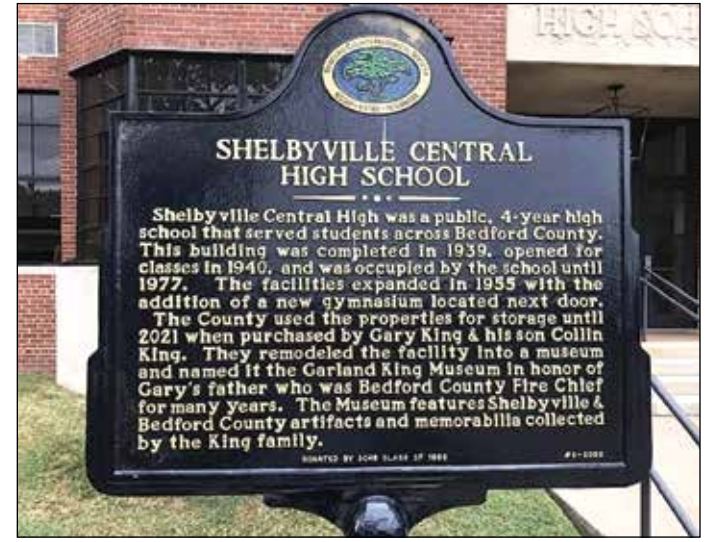
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**SCCHS CLASS OF 1962** - 60th Reunion Attendees at SCHS entrance with historical marker at left. Front Row: Johnny Cortner, Jim Boney, Karen Thompson Foldy, Judy Ward Couser, Kenneth Housch, Flen Williams, Charlene Wood Smith, Linda Webb Knowles, Jerry Shelton Second Row: Terry Shofner, Linda Smith Smith, Brenda Smith Russell, Bill Trollinger, Larry Hasty, Jeanette Hayes Hudson, Ann Henslee Rollins, Mary Chase Gore Third Row: Karen Alcorn Thomas, Doris Rutledge Turrentine, Anne Gordon Sanders, Janice Curlee Robertson, Connie Gowen, Ann Norris Nease, Bette Saunders Christian, Sharon Shelton McDonald, Charles Jones Fourth Row: Al Simmons, Judy Wheat Wood, Ann Sanders Baldwin, Joe Gray, Carey Gates Thomas Hinds, Carol McLean Crouse, Belita Nelson Reed, Harry Craddock, Jack Shearon Back Row: David Segroves, Larry Prydom, Betsy Darnell Bobo, Carolyn May Beasley, Leonard Donegan, Joe Paul Moore



The SCHS Class of 1962 historical marker at the entrance of the former high school building.



SCCHS Reunion, blue and gold table décor with attendee swag bags

# SCCHS Class of 1962 Holds 60th Reunion

Shelbyville Central High School (SCHS) Class of 1962 celebrated its 60th reunion on Saturday, Sept. 30, in the fellowship hall of the First United Methodist Church in Shelbyville. The reunion was celebrated over a year late after being postponed due to the Covid pandemic. Not to be outdone, 70 classmates, spouses, and guests gathered to celebrate another milestone in the millennium since their graduation.

Members of the reunion committee were Alben Simmons – Chair – Planning and Promotions; Betsy Darnell Bobo – Finances and Scheduling; Sharon Shelton McDonald and Mary Ruth Simmons (SCHS Class of '63 and Alben's wife) – Reception and Arrangements & Decor; Johnny Cortner and Glen Williams – Setup and Closure; and Anne Gordon Sanders – Contacts and Notifications.

Festivities began at 10 a.m. at the entrance to the former Shelbyville Central High School on Elm Street where classmates and guests gathered and were greeted by the reunion committee. Simmons officially welcomed the classmates to their reunion and then gave the dedication for the historical marker for the school. The marker was funded by donations from class members and provided by the Bedford County Historical Society.

The Class of '62 presented the historical marker to Glenda King who represented the King Family, the present building owners of the Garland King Museum. The marker is a memorial to all of those who passed through the school's hallowed halls, especially the Class of '62, and further, to mark the school as an historical site in the history and heritage of Bedford County.

After the dedication, the class toured the school while reminiscing with their classmates. Later, the class re-convened at the church where they registered and updated contact information, received ID tags and reunion programs, and received swag bags of school-themed novelties. After an extended "meet-and-greet" of renewing friendships and sharing high school experiences, Simmons called the gathering to order at noon and reviewed the reunion agenda. He asked classmates to review the special displays of school memorabilia and the "Forever In Our Hearts" memorial to those classmates who had passed away.

A catered buffet luncheon was served amid continued reveling about old times at Central High. After lunch, Simmons gave a Powerpoint\* program entitled, "Our School ~ SCHS / Our Class ~ 1962." The program included a review and his-

tory of Shelbyville Central High School facilities, and a "Memories" review about their high school teachers and school events involving members of the class. He recognized those class members who served in the military and thanked them for their service; these included Pat Ray, Jim Boney, Jack Shearon, and Larry Prydom.

Simmons expressed appreciation to the 50 members of the class who donated funds to the SCHS historical marker. Harry Craddock, Jim Boney, David Segroves, and Ben Phillips received copies of the Historical Society's book, "Postcard Memories of Bedford County," for making special donations to assure the marker met its funding goal. He also recognized Frank and Betsy Bobo for helping throughout the reunion planning as well as helping install the historical marker at the school.

Simmons concluded the program by recognizing the reunion committee members and expressing appreciation for their diligence and patience in organizing and staging the gathering. He especially recognized his wife, Mary Ruth, for meal arrangements and the blue-and-gold school color decorations in the church. (See Pix 6) Finally, he thanked all the class members for attending and keeping the Class of '62 spirit "alive and

thriving."

In closing, Simmons gave a final salute to the class with a poem entitled "A Trip Down Memory Lane," which contrasted the attributes of society in 1962 with the norms and attitudes in today's culture. Festivities concluded at 4 p.m. with final well wishes and fond farewells, and the expectation of meeting again in 2027 for reunion number 65.

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SCCHS Class of '62 reunion committee with decorations at FUMC Fellowship Hall. From left, Alben Simmons, Mary Ruth Simmons, Betsy Darnell Bobo, Glen Williams, Sharon Shelton McDonald, Johnny Cortner, Anne Gordon Sanders

# Bedford makes All Tennessee School Board

*Michael Cook is selected member*

Tennessee School Boards Association (TSBA) recently named five outstanding school board members to its 2023 All Tennessee School Board. One of those was Bedford County's own, Michael Cook, who serves as local chair.

Members of the board were selected by a panel of judges. The following are the criteria for this award:

- Must have achieved Level IV in the TSBA board award program
- Quality of service with emphasis on the previous 12 months
- Participation in board development activities with emphasis on the previous 12 months
- Specific accomplishments of the local board of education during the nominee's term on the board
- Leadership activities at the local, regional or state level

Bedford County Superintendent of Schools Tammy Garrett said of Cook, "He is a great manager and motivator of people. He has excellent business sense, tying together the needs of education with successful business strategies."

Bedford County Schools is a district of 15, which is committed to the academic and personal success of each child and serves over 9,000 students. For more information visit [www.bedfordk12tn.com](http://www.bedfordk12tn.com).

Garrett added, "On behalf



Michael Cook, chair of Bedford County Board of Education, was recently selected to be a member of the All Tennessee School Board.

of Bedford County Schools, I extend congratulations to Mr. Cook and all of these deserving award recipients. We are so proud to have individuals like Mr. Cook serving the students of our school system and dedicated foremost to their success."

In addition to serving as local school board chair, Cook also represents District 5.

Other TSBA recipients named at the recent convention were: Ron Ashe, Hardin County; Rick Chadwick, Lenoir City; and Pau-

la Dyer, Lewis County. Robert Blair of Franklin Special was named the 2023 Tennessee School Board Member of the Year Hal Herard Distinguished Service Award Winner and will serve as Chairman of the All Tennessee School Board.

A statewide, nonprofit organization, the TSBA is a federation of all the state's school boards. TSBA's mission is to assist school boards in effectively governing school districts. For more information about TSBA, visit [www.tsba.net](http://www.tsba.net).



## JULY HORSE SHOW BENEFITS STUDENTS

Bedford County School District is grateful that for the third year, the Christmas in July Horse Show chose as its recipient Bedford County Schools. Show managers Carol Missildine and Denny Russell (not pictured) donated \$2,000 to support the Christmas programs at schools for economically disadvantaged children. From left, Missildine and Thomas Magnet school counselor (representing BCS), Maria Bobo.



## LEARNING TO FINGER PRINT

Community High School Criminal Justice-I students recently competed in an in-program finger printing application competition. This career skill is primarily used by correctional officers who serve in a local jail or state and federal prison. Abagale Martinez placed first, Ethan Eynon placed second and Riley Wesbrooks placed third. From left, Principal Robert Ralston, Abagale Martinez, Ethan Eynon, and Riley Wesbrooks. Instructor is Chris Hobbs.

Abagale Martinez and Ethan Eynon placed respectively first and second for their in-program finger printing application skills in a recent competition.



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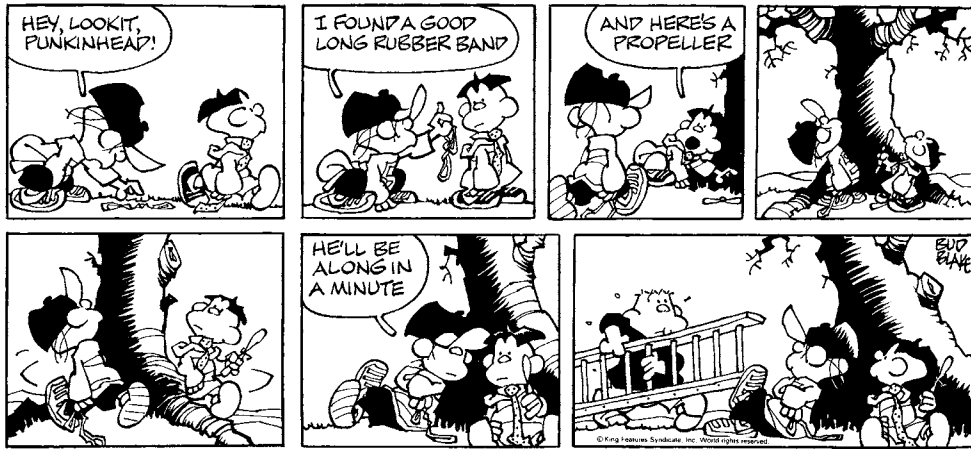
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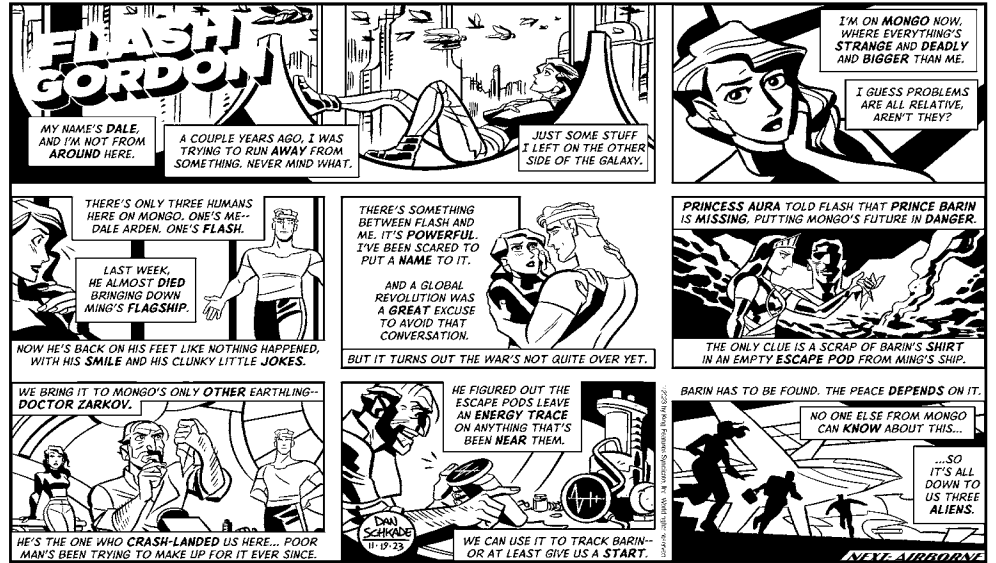
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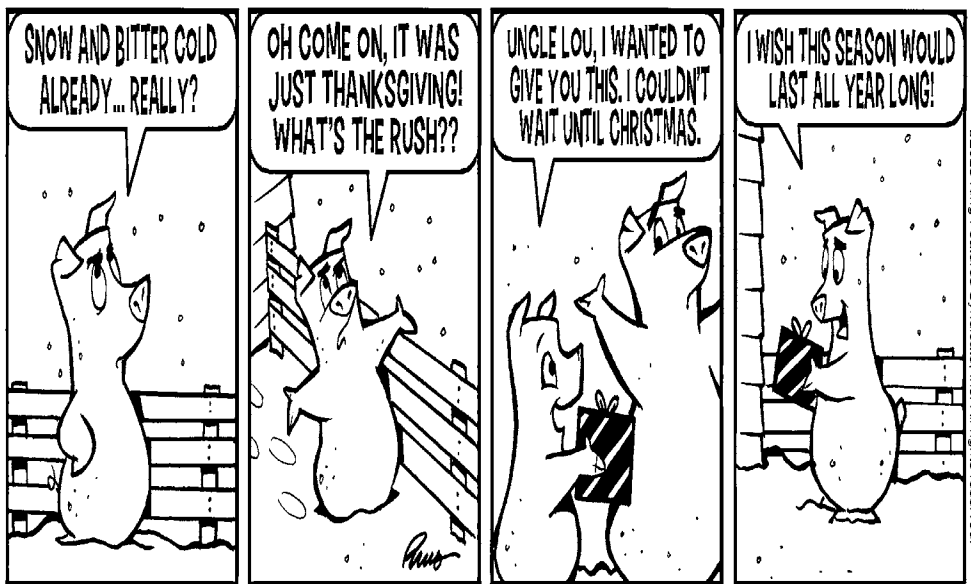


by BUD BLAKE



## Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



### Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Lower leg joint	___ K ___	Viewpoint	___ G ___
2. Shindig instrument	F ___	Equidistant	M ___
3. Humpback or nurse	___ K	High-pitched	___ P
4. Coal worker	___ N ___	Penny pincher	___ S ___
5. Beekeeper's farm	___ P ___	Bird farm	___ V ___
6. Work of fiction	___ V ___	Peace prize giver	___ B ___
7. Squabble	___ I ___	Financier	___ A ___
8. Like the grass	___ N	Welcome warmly	___ T
9. Governing body	___ N ___	Tranquillize	___ D ___
10. Toffee or bonbon	___ N	Golfer's assistant	___ D ___

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## King Crossword

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
12			13					14			
15			16				17				
18		19				20					
		21		22	23		24		25	26	27
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33			34				35		36		
37			38		39			40			
41			42		43						
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50	51	52				53	54		55		
56						57			58		
59						60			61		

**ACROSS**

- Squid squirt
- Beloved
- "Ditto"
- "The Simpsons" barkeep
- Killer whale
- Director Kazan
- Get older
- Feel elated
- Two-dot punctuation mark
- Triage ctrs.
- Calendar entry (Abbr.)
- Smiles broadly
- Flight costs "Phooey!"
- Hosp. area
- Rich cake
- Quarterback Manning
- Arrears
- NPR show hosted by Terry Gross
- Thoreau piece
- Gym site, for short
- Promptly
- Film trophy
- Rock fan's imaginary instrument
- Emplov
- Satan's purchase
- Separate
- Crib
- Ginormous
- Cookware
- Newt
- Yard tool
- Had a hunch
- Carte lead-in
- Roman 1002
- Corn spike
- Sphere
- Klutz
- Campus VIP
- Towel material
- Vicinity
- Niger's neighbor
- Swizzle
- Memorized
- Historic period
- Off-torn knee part, for short
- Prom dates
- Snarl
- Owns
- One of us
- Trace
- Rubik's baffler
- "Dream on!"
- Monopoly payment
- Bonfire residue
- Debtor's note
- Bad hairpiece
- Overly
- Illustrations

**DOWN**

- Apple computer
- NASA scrub
- Fall (over)
- Memorized
- Historic period
- Off-torn knee part, for short

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### Weekly SUDOKU by Linda Thistle

	2			5				3
6			7					5
4		1	2		9			
	9			7		6		
		5			3	2		8
2			9					7
	8			6		7		
		2			9		1	
5			4	3				9

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ♦♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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See This Week's Answers In Next Week's Edition

3	6	1	7	4	2	5	8	9
4	7	8	1	9	9	2	3	6
5	2	9	3	8	6	4	7	1
1	8	2	4	7	3	9	6	5
9	4	3	6	1	5	7	2	8
6	5	7	2	9	8	3	4	1
8	3	5	2	1	7	6	4	7
1	2	5	2	9	7	6	4	7
1	2	5	4	1	2	6	7	3
7	9	7	4	3	8	9	6	2

Answer

Weekly SUDOKU

### CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: D equals S

TE OKI DILLXNHTHTKIDGO  
NKYQXH W NIDJNTU KIH KE W  
JWLRSWLX DHKLX, SJWH RK OKI  
RK? DUXWQ W HWYQ.

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### King Crossword

Solution time: 23 mins.

Answers

Even Exchange

1. Adap. Jacket	6. Packet, Jacket
2. Ginger, Linger	7. Marge, Merge
3. Furry, Ferry	8. Carol, Carob
4. Beauty, Betty	9. Flour, Floor
5. Basil, Bidal	10. Deluge, Divide

### STICKELERS by Terry Stickels

The relationship of the two numbers in each block is the same for each block. Based on that knowledge, can you determine the missing number in the last block?

1	5	2	8
	3	13	
4	20	5	?

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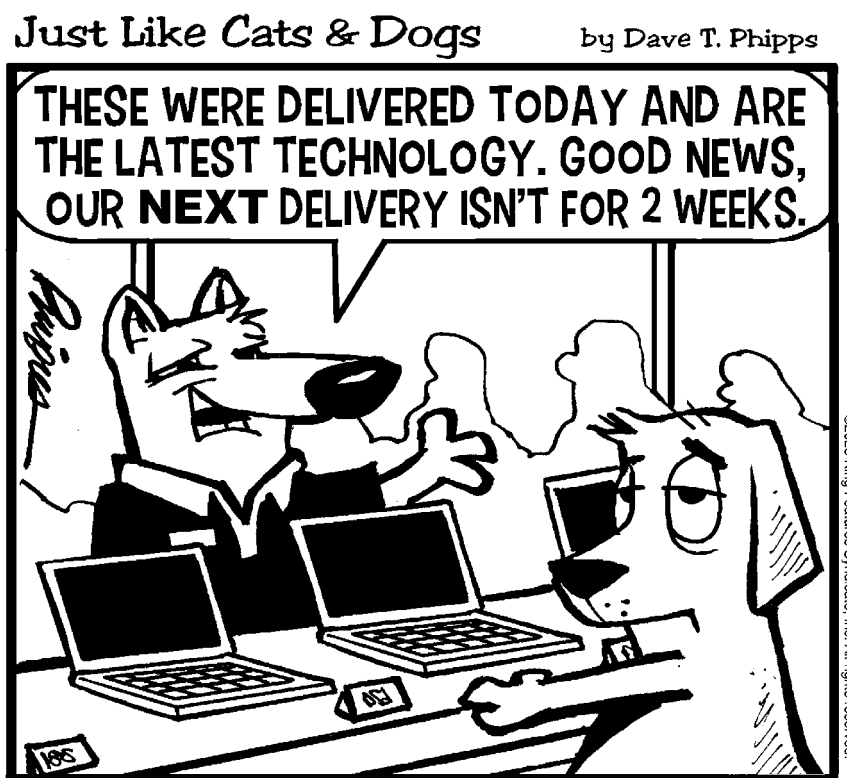
### SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Senility  
GOATED  
Wash  
HABET  
Provoke  
NICETI  
Multitude  
GOLINE

For a woman with \_\_\_\_\_ to wear, it certainly takes you long enough to put it on.

TODAY'S WORD



by Dave T. Phipps



Answers to puzzles:

**CryptoQuip**  
A beary-eyed rancher walked up to his still-awake cow and proclaimed, "It's pasture bedtime."

**Sticklers Answer**  
STRAWBERRIES don't belong with the others. All of the other fruits grow on trees, while strawberries are ground plants.

**SCRAMBLERS**  
solution  
1. Regain 2. Deluge 3. Caste 4. Diner  
Today's Word  
ENGAGED

# Bedford County Sheriff's reports

**EDITORS NOTE:** The following summaries of the Bedford County Sheriff's Department reports are prepared and presented by the editorial staff of the Shelbyville Times-Gazette. These summaries are based on the detailed activity reports provided by the Sheriff's Department and are intended for informational purposes only.

It is important to note that the Shelbyville Times-Gazette does not make any accusations regarding the individuals or events described in these reports. Our role is to disseminate information as reported by the Bedford County Sheriff's Department, and our summaries should not be interpreted as legal judgments or statements of guilt.

Furthermore, we emphasize the fundamental principle that all persons mentioned in these reports are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The inclusion of an individual's name or account of an incident in these summaries does not imply guilt, nor does it signify that an arrest or legal action has been taken or will be taken.

In some instances, the reports may describe events where no arrests were made. These accounts are included to provide a comprehensive view of the activities and incidents handled by the Bedford County Sheriff's Department.

We strive for accuracy in our reporting. However, if any information is published and later shown to be inaccurate, we will gladly correct the mistake in print, upholding our commitment to integrity and transparency.

Our commitment at the Shelbyville Times-Gazette is to uphold journalistic integrity and ensure accurate and responsible reporting. We appreciate our readers' understanding and engagement with our coverage of local law enforcement activities.

## Domestic Dispute Leads to Arrest on Outstanding Warrants

Date: November 15, 2023  
Reporting Officer: Nicholas Basso

Summary: On November 15, 2023, Officer Nicholas Basso responded to a domestic violence call at 119 Fox Run RD, Shelbyville, TN. Upon arrival, he spoke with Venetta Hugh, who claimed her boyfriend, Thomas Habel, had become aggressive when she expressed her desire to leave. Hugh alleged that Habel choked her for approximately one minute. Habel, however, denied any physical altercation, stating that he was fine with Hugh leaving. Despite the conflicting accounts and lack of physical evidence, Habel was taken into custody due to two outstanding warrants for his arrest. Both parties were advised of their rights and options.

## Speeding Leads to Marijuana Possession Citation

Date: November 15, 2023  
Reporting Officer: Tylar Prosser

Summary: On the same day, Officer Tylar Prosser initiated a traffic stop on a black Nissan Altima for speeding. Upon approaching the vehicle, Officer Prosser detected the odor of marijuana. The driver, Jaylen Jones, admitted to smoking marijuana but denied having any in the vehicle. However, a subsequent search revealed a small bag of marijuana in Jones' pocket. Jones was issued a citation for simple possession of schedule VI and given a court date of December 13, 2023. He was also warned about speeding and

a light law violation.

## Domestic Dispute Results in No Arrests

Date: November 17, 2023  
Reporting Officer: Maison Bucka

Summary: On November 17, 2023, Officer Maison Bucka was dispatched to 2227 Highway 41A North due to a 911 open line, which turned out to be a domestic dispute. Pedro Campos and Alma Cobon were involved in the argument. Campos, who appeared heavily intoxicated, claimed they were just arguing and nothing happened. Cobon initially agreed but later stated that Campos shoved her face. Due to the lack of physical marks and conflicting statements, no arrests were made. Both parties were informed about the process to obtain an Order of Protection and how to get a copy of the report.

## Domestic Dispute Leads to Police Intervention, No Arrests Made

Date: November 17, 2023  
Reporting Officer: Maison Bucka

Summary: On November 17, 2023, Officer Maison Bucka was dispatched to a residence at 2227 Highway 41A North following a 911 open line call. Upon arrival, it was determined that the call was related to a domestic dispute between Pedro Osorio Campos and Alma Cobon.

Mr. Campos, who appeared heavily intoxicated, was reportedly abusive and claimed that he and Ms. Cobon were merely arguing. He mentioned plans to leave the residence and stay at a friend's house nearby. Ms. Cobon confirmed the argument but also alleged that Mr. Campos had shoved her face before leaving the house. However, Officer Bucka did not observe any physical marks indicating an assault had occurred.

Due to the lack of physical evidence and the conflicting statements from both parties, no arrests were made. Both Mr. Campos and Ms. Cobon were informed about the process to obtain an Order of Protection and how to secure a copy of the police report. The incident occurred in Bedford County.

## Domestic Assault Incident at New Herman Rd, No Arrest Made

Date: November 17, 2023  
Reporting Officer: Clayton Edgil

Summary: On November 17, 2023, Officer Clayton Edgil was dispatched to 1515 New Herman Rd. in response to a reported domestic assault. Upon arrival, Officer Edgil spoke with the victim, Victor Noblitt, who claimed that his on-and-off girlfriend, Tiffany Landers, had struck him in the head with a glass jar. Noblitt had found Landers at his home upon his return, despite her having left a week prior.

Emergency medical services had already arrived on the scene and treated Noblitt's head injury before Officer Edgil's arrival. Officer Edgil then accompanied Noblitt to 194 Noblitt Rd. to make contact with Landers. Despite Noblitt's assertion that Landers was still inside the locked house, they were unable to make contact with her.

Due to the lack of both sides of the story, no arrests or warrants were issued at the time. Officer Edgil advised Noblitt on how to obtain an Order of Protection. The incident occurred in Bedford County.

## Vehicle Theft Reported at Jack Pickle Ln; Suspects Identified

Date: November 17, 2023  
Reporting Officer: Joshua Cox

Summary: On November 17, 2023, Officer Joshua Cox was dispatched to 278 Jack Pickle Ln following a report of a stolen vehicle. The victims, Mr. Doyce Mitchell and Ms. Jeanette Jenkins, reported that their 2000 Mercury Grand Marquis was taken without their permission. The suspects, identified as Ms. Bonnie Dunn and Mr. Christian Pierman, had been guests at the residence.

Mr. Mitchell had previously discussed selling the vehicle to the suspects and had allowed them to test drive it. However, when Mr. Mitchell returned from a trip to Lewisburg, he found that Ms. Dunn and Mr. Pierman had left with the vehicle. The theft was initially reported in Marshall County, but the victims were directed to file the report in Bedford County.

Officer Cox has since contacted Marshall County to assist in locating the stolen vehicle. The suspects, Ms. Dunn and Mr. Pierman, are currently being sought for motor vehicle theft.

## Man Arrested for DUI in Bedford County

Date: November 18, 2023  
Reporting Officer: Joshua Cox

Summary: On November 18, 2023, Officer Joshua Cox was dispatched to 231 North in the area of Airport Rd in Bedford County, Tennessee, where a vehicle was parked partially on the roadway. The driver, Mr. Alfonso Villalva, was found asleep in the driver's seat with the vehicle in drive and his foot on the brake. Officer Evens, who was also on the scene, had placed the vehicle in park and removed the keys.

Upon waking, Mr. Villalva exhibited bloodshot eyes and was extremely groggy. He admitted to having consumed multiple beers. Despite a language barrier, with Officer Evens translating, Mr. Villalva was subjected to a series of sobriety tests. He showed lack of smooth pursuit in the horizontal gaze nystagmus test and failed to follow instructions during the walk and turn, and the one leg stand tests.

As a result of his actions and the failed sobriety tests, Mr. Villalva was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence (DUI). The evidence was placed in locker 23.

## Damaged Firearm Found at Midland and Philpot Road Intersection

Date: November 18, 2023  
Reporting Officer: Brandon Jarrell

Summary: On November 18, 2023, Officer Brandon Jarrell was dispatched to the intersection of Midland Road and Philpot Road following a report of a firearm found lying in the road. Upon arrival, Officer Jarrell spoke with a local resident, Brandon Shelton, who had noticed the weapon when he came to a stop at the intersection. The firearm was found to have damage to its grip and frame. The damaged weapon has since been placed in evidence locker three for further investigation. The incident occurred within Bedford County, Tennessee.

## Infiniti G37 Stolen in Bedford County, Investigation Underway

Date: November 19, 2023  
Reporting Officer: Christopher Morton

Summary: On November 19, 2023, Officer Christopher Morton was contacted by Wagner Funez Berrios, who reported his 2012 Infiniti G37 missing from his driveway. Berrios, who had been out of town for over a

week, last saw his vehicle on November 10. Upon his return home around 5:00 PM on the 19th, he noticed the car was missing. There is a discrepancy in the vehicle's color as Berrios described it as white, but the registration details indicate it as black. The offender is currently unknown and the case is classified under Motor Vehicle Theft. The incident took place in Bedford County, Tennessee. The investigation is ongoing.

## Unidentified Assailant Fires Gunshot into Residential Property in Bedford County

Date: November 19, 2023  
Reporting Officer: Shaquille Thompson

Summary: On November 19, 2023, Bedford County Deputies responded to a call regarding a gunshot fired at 525 Pinkston Road. Upon arrival, officers were met by the residents, Melvin Corbin, Cathy Corbin, Dylon Coy, and Aubrie O Neal. The victims reported that they were inside the residence having dinner when they heard a gunshot from outside the kitchen window, causing the glass to break.

The residents did not observe any vehicles on the property or hear a vehicle drive down the road. Law enforcement confirmed the glass breakage on the kitchen window appeared to be from a single gunshot. A bullet was retrieved from the base of the window by the residents prior to law enforcement's arrival and was subsequently placed in Evidence Locker #25. The offender remains unidentified and at large. The incident is classified as an Aggravated Assault according to the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) system.



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# COMMUNITY

## Community Calendar Events

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### Angel Tree at Rec Center

Shelbyville Recreation Center has its Angel Tree up for Christmas. Angels are ready for adoption. Gifts are due back to the Rec Center by Dec. 12.

### SCSK hot meal

Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen will serve a hot meal on Dec. 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### Winter Festival at HMS

Harris Middle's Winter Festival will be Dec. 9 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

### Bell Buckle Quilted Christmas

Dec. 1 and 2 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. A quilt walk, featuring local historic homes and churches.

### Shop small, local

Shop local this weekend with area merchants. Many have planned open houses.

### Christmas Marketplace in Wartrace

Join the merchants of Wartrace this weekend for a great event.

### Historical Society Winter Meeting

The winter quarter meeting of the Bedford County Historical Society will be held in the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall Dec. 4. The meeting will begin with a potluck supper at 6:30 p.m., followed by a short business meeting. Then, the program will be presented by the Downtown Sound Swing Band featuring a musical tribute to the sounds of the 1930s and 1940s. Also, the Society will elect new officers and board members for the next two years. The public is invited to bring a dish and enjoy the program. For more details, contact Al Simmons at 931-680-6313.

## OP-ED

# Make sure the Grinch Doesn't Take Your Charitable Dollars

By Secretary of State Tre Hargett

The holidays are here, a time when many of us—however willingly or reluctantly—open our wallets to buy presents, food, decorations, and the other trappings of the season. Particularly during tough economic times like these when inflation is high, people will be trying to stretch their money as far as possible by looking for the best deals they can find as they make their holiday purchases.

The holidays are a time when many of us give money to charitable causes. Unfortunately, it often seems like a lot less thought goes into donating money to charity than the other holiday spending decisions we make. Some people spend all day shopping for the best prices on toasters, sweaters, or the newest technological gadget only to make a donation to a perceived good cause without any hesitation.

If givers are already educated about the charity that is raising money, that is fine. After all, the holidays are a season of giving, and Tennesseans who can afford to make donations to worthy charities should be encouraged to do so. However, there are charities that are unwise or inefficient in how

they spend the donations that they receive. I am encouraging you to be an educated consumer with your charitable dollars.

To help sort out the good charities from the not-so-good, there are some guidelines that people should follow when they are making decisions about when, where, and how much they donate.

The first rule is ask questions.

If someone approaches you on the street or calls you on the phone asking for money, don't be afraid to ask for details about the charity, its mission and exactly how the dollars you donate will be spent. How much of the charity's money goes to programs and services, and how much goes to administrative expenses or other costs? Is there a telephone number or website that you can contact for further information?

If you receive vague answers, or no answers at all, to those kinds of questions, then that should be a red flag that maybe you need to do more research before making a donation.

Also, does the person asking you for money actually work for the charity or a professional fundraising organization? If it's the latter, then some portion of the money you give will probably



Tennessee Secretary of State Tre Hargett

Information about charities may also be found by checking out their websites or asking friends and neighbors who have dealt with these charities in the past.

Do not let yourself be pressured into giving cash. If you decide to make a donation, it is better to do so with a check, made out in the organization's name rather than to an individual. This makes it easier for you to deduct the donation from your tax returns and also creates a paper trail with the organization.

Additionally, be protective of your credit card numbers or other personal information and only share with highly trusted sources.

If you suspect a charity of engaging in fraudulent or misleading fundraising activities, please call the Division of Business and Charitable Organizations at 615-741-2555. The Division has the authority to investigate and impose civil penalties against groups and individuals who violate the Tennessee Charitable Solicitations Act.

Donating money is a proud holiday tradition. You can give yourself the confidence that the money you donate is being well-spent and the best way to do that is by educating yourself before you give.

go to the fundraising organization instead of the cause you are hoping to support.

Do not be pressured into giving donations 'on the spot.' Reputable charities should not object if you want to learn more about their operations before you make a financial commitment.

With a few exceptions, charities that ask for donations in Tennessee are required to register with my office's Division of Business and Charitable Organizations. They are also required to file an annual financial statement form, which provides information about how they spend their money. Those can be viewed online at <https://sos.tn.gov/charities>.

## FOOD

# 'Orange' You Glad It's Thanksgiving?

So you've planned your entrée for Thanksgiving—beef, turkey, ham or perhaps wildgame. What about your sides? Those delicate special dishes are just as important to your family as the large turkey platter of meats. And let's not forget the sweets served off those special crystal platters.

In Bedford County, following the Great Depression, many families, particularly those living on farms, cherished oranges for Christmas. They were considered a delicacy and cooks turned the Vitamin C enriched fruit into many wonderful holiday dishes. Santa often delivered oranges into farm hats placed on warm hearths. Caps for children included small pieces of candy and apples. It's true. Just ask your Great-grandparents.

Enjoy the following orange recipes for your Thanksgiving table.

### ORANGE SAUCE

- 1 C. sugar
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 2 T. cornstarch
- 1 C. orange juice
- 1/4 C. lemon juice
- 1 T. butter
- 3/4 C. boiling water
- 1 tsp. lemon rind
- 1 tsp. orange rind

Boil sugar, salt, cornstarch, orange and lemon juices for 1 minute. Add butter and rind. Add boiling water. Yields 2 cups. Use over ice cream, plain yellow cake and more.

### ORANGE PECAN PIE

- 1 C. sugar

- 1 tsp. salt
  - 1 T. flour
  - 1 C. dark corn syrup
  - 3 eggs, beaten until foamy
  - 1/2 C. orange juice
  - 1 T. grated orange peel
  - 1 1/2 C. broken pecan pieces
  - 1 (9-inch) unbaked pie shell
- Combine sugar, salt and flour. Add syrup, eggs, orange juice and orange peel. Stir in pecans and pour into pie shell. Bake at 375 for 40 to 50 minutes or until filling is set and pastry is brown.

### ORANGE NUT BREAD

- 1 medium orange
- 1 C. raisins
- 2 T. melted shortening
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 egg, well beaten
- 2 C. flour
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. soda
- 1 C. sugar
- 1/2 C. chopped nuts

Pour juice from oranges in an 8 ounce measuring cup. Add warm water to fill cup. Remove white membrane from peel; place peel, raisins, orange juice and water in blender and chop. Mix in shortening, vanilla and egg. Add flour (sifted with salt, baking powder, soda and sugar.) Mix well. Stir in nuts. Bake in waxed paper lined 5x9 inch loaf pan at 350 degrees for 1 hour. Makes 1 loaf.

### ORANGE KISS ME CAKE (100-YEAR-OLD RECIPE)

- 1 large orange (pulp and rind)
- reserve juice for topping
- 1 C. raisins



1/2 C. walnuts

Sift together:  
2 C. flour  
1 tsp. soda  
1 tsp. salt  
1 C. sugar

Add:  
1/2 C. shortening  
3/4 C. milk

Beat for 2 minutes with an electric mixer. Add:  
2 unbeaten eggs  
1/4 C. milk

Beat for 2 more minutes. Fold orange-raisin mixture into batter. Pour into a well-greased and lightly floured pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 to 50 minutes.

**Topping**  
Pour 1/3 cup orange juice over warm cake. Combine:  
1/3 C. sugar  
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1 tsp. cinnamon

Sprinkle over cake.

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**Thomas Dewayne Peoples**

Thomas Dewayne "Wayne" Peoples, age 73, of Shelbyville, passed from this life November 13, 2023, at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

Born January 2, 1950, in Manchester, TN, Wayne was the son of Ostell Benton "OB" Peoples and Winona Harmon Peoples. Along with his parents he was preceded in death by: son, David Wayne Peoples; sisters, Wanda Hartley, and Diane Meador; brother, Carl Peoples; and grandparents, Benton & Minnie Peoples, and Jim & Anna Harmon; also, his loving pup, Easy.

Wayne worked with TDOT for many years and with White Associates. He enjoyed riding his Harley and spotted saddle horses. He was active in the spotted saddle horse community; having been a member of CCWHA, SSHBEA and NS-SHA. He was of the Baptist Faith.

Survivors include: son, Todd Peoples and wife, Charity, of New Tazwell, TN; daughter-in-law, Tammy Peoples of Shelbyville; grandchildren- Tate, Levi, Miriam, Emilee, Olivia, and Willow; brother, Clyde Peoples and wife, Lizzie, of Shelbyville; along with several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Monday, November 20, 2023, in the chapel of Doak-Howell Funeral Home with Pastor Loyd Warren officiating. Burial will follow at the Peoples Family Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Sunday afternoon from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations can be made to St. Jude Childrens Research Hospital @ [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org).

#### Robert "Clint" Nease

Robert Clinton "Clint" Nease, 67, died on Nov. 10, 2023, at Tristar Summit Medical Center in Shelbyville.

Born on Aug. 30, 1956, in Shelbyville to the late Hiram Lee Nease Jr. and Lois Esterleen Reed Nease, Clint was a 1974 graduate of Shelbyville Central High School. He spent his career as a master machinist, retiring from Newell Rubbermaid in 2016. He was a man of many talents, including drawing, sketching, playing guitar and drums, working on engines, woodworking, and leatherworking. Clint also loved hunting, fishing, and spending time with his family and friends.

In addition to his parents, Clint was predeceased by his sister, Risá« Nease Chockley. He is survived by his daughter, Aubrey Nease Lemmons; grandson, Cade Whitson; sister, Jeanette Nease Sherrill; brother, Hiram Lee Nease III and his wife, Ann; and nephews, Phillip Chockley and his wife, Melissa, and Micah Chockley, all of Shelbyville.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. on Nov. 15, 2023, at Doak Howell Funeral Home, officiated by Pastor Jimmy Gray. Burial followed at Willow Mount Cemetery. A visitation was held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Nov. 14 at the funeral home. Doak Howell Funeral Home handled arrangements. Visit [www.doakhowellfuneralhome.com](http://www.doakhowellfuneralhome.com) for more information.



**William Stewart**

Master Chief (Ret) William Hampton Stewart, 81, of Shelbyville died Nov. 15, 2023, at the Veterans Hospital in Nashville.

Funeral services were held at noon on Monday, Nov. 20, 2023, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel, with a burial following at Hollywood Cemetery in Wartrace, accompanied by full military honors. His family received visitors from 10 a.m. until the service began on Monday at the funeral home.

Stewart was born on Dec. 21, 1941, in Madison, Indiana, to the late Joseph and Beatrice Craig Stewart. He began his career in the U.S. Navy on Jan. 12, 1959, in Cincinnati, Ohio, and was discharged on Sept. 29, 1988, after 30 years of service.

Stewart was a decorated service member who received six Good Conduct Medals, the Navy Expedition Medal, the Navy Unit Commendation, Meritorious Unit Commendation and Humanitarian Service Medal. He also earned the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, National Defense Medal, Navy Achievement Medal and Joint Services Medal. His last duty was with the Commander Cruise Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

Stewart was preceded in death by two wives, Carol Stewart and Beatrice Stewart. He is survived by two brothers, John Willman and his wife, Judi of Fort Myers, Florida, and Mike Willman and his wife Pam of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and a sister, Jenny Copeland.

Pallbearers at the service included Brian Cothran, Cody Willman, John Willman, James Meyers, Vinnie Willman, Rhyder Willman and Mike Willman.

#### Betty Ann Frye Cook

Betty Ann Frye Cook, 86, of Wartrace, died on Nov. 9, 2023, at Vanderbilt-Bedford Hospital. Cook was born on April 3, 1937, in Tellico Plains. She retired from Empire Pencil Co. after more than four decades of service and formerly worked as a cafeteria worker at Harris Middle School. Known for her deep affection for her family, Cook was a beloved mother and grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John Cawhorn Frye and Marquette Pearson Frye; her husband, Cecil Elmore Cook; a son, Phillip Mark Cook; and two brothers, Jim and Bob Frye.

Betty Cook is survived by a son, Terry Lee Cook and his wife Carolyn; her grandchildren, Brandy Raby and her husband David, Heather Warren and her husband Dustin, and Jonathan Heath Cook; and her great-grandchildren, Dustin Isaiah Warren, Jason Levi Warren, Haleigh Evans and Aubrey Raby. She is also survived by a brother, John Daniel Frye with his wife Scottie, and a sister, Patsy Arp and her husband Beecher.

In accordance with her wishes, Cook will be cremated. No services are scheduled at this time.



**Michael Baltimore**

Michael Carl Baltimore, 64, of Wartrace, died suddenly on Sunday, Nov. 12, 2023. A Bedford County native, he was the son of the late Carl and Margie Sain Baltimore.

Baltimore worked for Smyrna Ready Mix for a decade before becoming disabled. He treasured his family and enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Baltimore was predeceased by his brother, John Janis.

He is survived by his children, Chase Baltimore (Amber) of Shelbyville and Dominique Andre (Jon) of Spring Hill. His grandchildren, Elizabeth, Kymberli, Bently, Keagon, Lucas, and Mayzie also survive him, along with his siblings; Bill Janis (Rosanne) of St. Petersburg, FL, Vickie Baltimore of Shelbyville, and Tina Burns (Paul) of Shelbyville.

A Celebration of Life service was held at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 16, 2023, in the chapel of the Doak-Howell Funeral Home, where visitation was held starting from noon. The Doak-Howell Funeral Home handled the arrangements.



**Danny Syler**

Danny Dewayne Syler, 53, of Wartrace, passed away on Nov. 14, 2023.

Syler was born on Dec. 16, 1969 in Shelbyville. A passionate fisherman and collector, Syler was also a NASCAR enthusiast with deep love for his family.

Syler's funeral service was held at Hillcrest Funeral Home on Nov. 18, with the Rev. Wilburn Carter officiating. A visitation began at 11:00 a.m. followed by the service at 1:00 p.m., and burial followed at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

He was predeceased by his parents, Joseph Franklin "Jody" Syler and James Margaret Clark Syler; his son, Cannan Syler and his brothers, Robert "Ricky" Syler and Tony Van Syler Sr.

Syler is survived by his children, Justin Syler (spouse Alyssa) and Conner Syler; his grandchildren, Sky Syler and Chy'lyn Dixon; his sisters, Joann Ewing Helton (spouse Paul), Katie Eden and Tina Taylor (spouse Danny); his brother, Jesse Syler (spouse Patricia Bates); close friend Sherri Brandon, and several nieces and nephews.

His noteworthy achievements include receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Knoxville Chamber of Commerce in 2007 and being inducted into the Marketing Hall of Fame in 2009.

Reed is survived by his wife of 52 years, Patricia Reed; their two children, Jennifer and Michael; and seven grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, Nov. 24 at the First Baptist Church in Knoxville. Reed's family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Anthony Reed Foundation.



**Patricia Floyd**

Patricia Ann Smith Floyd, 74, of Wartrace, died Saturday, Nov. 11, 2023, at home under the care of her family and Aveanna Hospice. Patricia was born Oct. 18, 1949, in Bedford County, to the late Guy Henry and Alleaner Jones Smith. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2023, at Feldhaus Memorial Chapel, led by Mark Pierce. Burial followed at Willow Mount Cemetery. Visitors were received from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Patricia, a retired employee of Albea (American Can) Corporation, enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was also a devoted member of Horse Mountain Church of Christ.

She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Roger Floyd; daughters, Lori (Billy) West and Teresa Swagerty; a sister, Thelma Cook; brother, Franklin (Mildred) Smith; and grandchildren Chris (Megan) Martin, Michael (Stephanie) Martin, Kourtni (Cody Glenn) Martin, Timo Murray, Tenley West, Tucker West. She also leaves behind great-grandchildren Adaline Martin, Kaylee Martin, Caden Martin, R J Marshall, Laura Marshall, Jesse Glenn, Walker Martin, Michael Murray and T J Murray.

Arrangements were handled by Feldhaus Memorial Chapel.

#### Joseph Anthony Reed

Joseph (Joe) Anthony Reed, a noted Philanthropist, died Saturday, Nov. 18, 2023, at his Knoxville home. He was 78. Born in Memphis on Dec. 25, 1944, Reed was the child of Anthony Reed Sr. and Carol Reed. He graduated from the University of Tennessee with a bachelor's in business administration in 1966 and successfully built his own marketing firm, "Reed Marketing Solutions."

Reed is widely recognized among the business community for his innovative strategies and leadership. His firm merged with Comet Marketing in 2002, forming the leading marketing company in the Southeast. After retiring in 2010, Reed devoted his time to philanthropy. He launched the Anthony Reed Foundation in 2011, which has since contributed over \$5 million to various social causes in Knox County.

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A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, Nov. 24 at the First Baptist Church in Knoxville. Reed's family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Anthony Reed Foundation.



**Charles Kelley**

Charles Russell Kelley, 90, of Unionville, died on Nov. 12, 2023. Kelley was under the caring watch of his family, Gentiva Hospice, and the staff at Quality Center for Rehabilitation and Healing at the time of his passing.

A graveside service took place at 1 p.m. on Nov. 16, 2023, at Hollywood Cemetery in Wartrace, officiated by Vint Altman.

Kelley was born on June 10, 1933, in Portland, to the late William Corburt Kelley and Martha Ann Groves Kelley. His professional career was as a commercial and residential painter, and he served in the Tennessee National Guard, U.S. Army, and U.S. Marine Corps. He also spent 14 years as a missionary in the Philippines and Peru and was a member of the Church of God.

Kelley is survived by his wife of 63 and a half years, Wanda Baker Kelley of Unionville; daughter, Kathy Cash and her spouse Phillip; sons, Kevin Kelley of Shelbyville and Keith Kelley of Lawrenceburg; grandchildren, Kelley Cash, Julie Cash, Levi Kelley, and Heather Kelley; as well as great-grandchildren, Coral Cash, Graceland Kelley, Addison Sharp, and Brantley Sharp.

Feldhaus Memorial Chapel assisted the family with the arrangements.



**Shirley Marie Warren**

Shirley Marie Warren passed away Friday, November 3, 2023, at Woodbury Health and Rehab following an extended illness. She was the daughter of the late Otha Edward Moore Sr. and Ina Lee Harris Roberson and was preceded in death by her brother Edward Lee Moore.

She was survived by her sisters E. Carol (Charles) Young of Wartrace; Trish (Paul) Helton of Murfreesboro; Carmine Rogers and Sue (Terry) Pelham of Woodbury; special niece Donna (Billy "Joe") Mingle; great niece and nephew, Cheyenne and Hagen Fann numerous nieces and nephews also survive.

Shirley loved reading her Bible and collecting pocket books.

Memorial services will be 2 P.M. Saturday, December 2, 2023 in the Chapel of Woodbury Funeral Home with Bro. Bobby Nichols officiating. Visitation with the family will be from 12:00 P.M. until time of service.

Woodbury Funeral Home, 615-563-2311 or to leave condolences and memories for her family, please visit [www.woodburyfuneralhome.net](http://www.woodburyfuneralhome.net)

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**Applicant:** Shelbyville Power, Water & Sewerage System  
**Shelbyville STP**

**Permit Number:** TN0024180  
**Rating:** Major  
**Permit Writer:** Wade Murphy  
**County:** Bedford  
**EFO Name:** Columbia  
**Location:** 525 West Jackson Street  
**City:** Shelbyville, TN 37160  
**Activity Description:** treatment of municipal sewage by activated sludge  
**Effluent Description:** treated municipal wastewater from Outfall 001  
**Receiving Stream:** Duck River at mile 221.25

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For more information, or to review and/or copy documents from the permit file (there is a nominal charge for photocopies), contact Wade Murphy at (615) 532-0666 or the Columbia Environmental Field Office at (931) 380-3371. To comment on this permit issuance or proposed conditions submit written comments to TDEC-DWR, William R. Snodgrass - Tennessee Tower, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 11th Floor, Nashville, Tennessee 37243. Comments should be received within 30 days from the Legal Notice and should include the applicant name and NPDES Number.

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# An extra special Halls Mill Christmas tree

By DAWN HANKINS

Daphne Motes said recently that she rarely puts up more than one Christmas tree at her house. But this year, she just had to put up an extra—one which is becoming very special to her family.

Daphne purchased her parents' Halls Mill home not long ago. So having this particular tree—one which honors her late mom, Emogene Paschal, just seemed befitting.

Her brother, Byron, and wife, Stacie, took one of his mother Emogene's quilts—one that was in pretty rough shape, she said. Stacie began to cut the quilt into ornaments.

After a blanket stitch, they now have a lasting memory of their mom for every Christmas. Daphne thanked her sister-in-law for this "great idea."

A little about "Mama Emogene"

Emogene Crowell Paschal was 90, when she passed in 2021. She was preceded in death by her husband, Delmous.

Emogene graduated Community High School in 1948 and later went on to attend MTSU. While Delmous was serving in the military, they were able to

travel to many cities including, San Diego and Memphis.

They finally settled back in Bedford County, where she became a seamstress and worked at Model Sports Wear and Bedford Hosiery Mill for 15+ years.

Emogene decided she wanted to stay at home and help raise her grandchildren, which included watching them play sports. She was a huge Community sports fan, family said.

Daughter, Daphne added, it is just fitting there be such a Christmas tree—one sweetly embellished with memories of their mom and grandmother—be standing in their Halls Mill Home.

"Mama Emogene" was one of the founders of Halls Mill Triangle Community Club. Given her knowledge of the Halls Mill community and her insightful wisdom about life, she would also become affectionately known as "The Mayor of Halls Mill."

Emogene was a vital part of her community until her passing. She was always participating in the Halls Mill Sorghum Squeeze every year.

Emogene attended with her family for many years the Crowell's Chapel Lutheran Church.



**IN MEMORY OF EMOGENE PASCHAL**

The family of the late Emogene Crowell Paschal has taken one of their mother's quilts and made these Christmas ornaments. She passed away in 2021, so they want to have a lasting memory of her each holiday.



This very special Christmas tree will go in Daphne Motes' home this year. The material is from one of her mother's quilts.

## PENCIL SHAVINGS

### O Christmas Tree! O Christmas Tree!

DAWN HANKINS

One of my favorite Christmas songs (no, it is not All I Want for Christmas!) but O Christmas Tree. It can be sung by children and adults and adds such elegance to Christmas programs. It's an oldie but goodie.

O.K., so do you like to put up your Christmas tree early? Or are you like me, and like to savor the moments until right before Christmas and through the New Year?

Whatever your choice, local homeowners have some great styles of their own to cherish. We would love to have your submissions of your Christmas decorations at home. Email to dawn@richardsonmediagroup.net.

Today's feature is from the home of Sandy Watts. Sandy notes that she enjoys putting up her Christmas tree early, so it can be enjoyed longer by her family.

"I like the neutrals so it lasts for more than just Christmas . . . on into the new year," she recently said.

Neutrals combined with greenery, she said, sets the tone at her Unionville home for the holiday season.



NEUTRALS WITH GREENERY



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